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German Minister Krapf has shown departmental officer cable from Foreign Office reporting conversation in Belgrade between Soviet and Austrian Ambassadors. Austrian Ambassador Moscow has apparently reported similar conversation with Soviet official there.

Soviet Ambassador said his government willing to agree that free city Berlin should include Eastern sector with all four sectors to be placed under UN protection. Free land and air corridor from West (similar to Danzig corridor) would be ^{guaranteed} ~~guaranteed~~ by UN. GDR would change capital from East Berlin. Such a Berlin solution would contribute to resolution of German problem by leading to neutralization of Germany. Soviets would have preferred

to accomplish objectives through secret negotiations, but in view Western unwillingness were forced to send Nov. 27 note.

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Krapf said Germans had also received scattered reports from other sources along foregoing lines. Initial Fedrep reaction was that any such proposals would be unacceptable as moving towards triple ~~SEPARATE~~ division of Germany, but recognised that they would have great appeal throughout world.

Has Embassy MOSCOW heard similar rumors or reports/~~re alleged~~ Soviets fallback position on Berlin?

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